

# MARIA IVANOVA

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## SUMMARY

Dynamic and visionary scholar-practitioner, advancing global sustainability through impactful initiatives, interdisciplinary connections, and transformative collaborations at the nexus of knowledge, policy, and practice.

## KEY ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 07/2022 - Present**  
Boston, MA, USA
  - Director of the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs & Professor of Public Policy  
**Northeastern University**  
School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs (The Policy School)
- 2010 - 2022**  
Boston, MA, USA
  - Associate Professor of Global Governance  
**University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston)**  
Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security and Global Governance  
McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies
    - Co-created, with Craig Murphy, PhD program in Global Governance and Human Security
    - Served at rank of Assistant Professor from 2010-2014
- 2005 - 2010**  
Williamsburg, VA, USA
  - Assistant Professor of Government  
**College of William and Mary**  
Department of Government, with appointments in Environmental Studies Program, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), and Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy

## MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ Leading expert on global environmental governance**  
Recognized authority on international environmental institutions, including UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and environmental conventions, sustainability and the science-policy interface.
- ★ Effective and dynamic leader**  
Since 2022, led the Policy School through period of growth. Oversight of over 40 faculty (including tenured/tenure track, teaching, and professors of the practice), and 9 degree programs.
- ★ Mentor to future change-makers**  
Recruiting, teaching and advising students and professionals from around the world and equipping them to address sustainability challenges at varied scales, from local to global.
- ★ Successful fundraiser and manager**  
Proven track record of astute resource management to yield timely results. Raised close to US\$6 million from individuals and from institutions (eg US NSF, Carnegie Corporation, Rockefeller Foundation, UNEP, UN Foundation, and governments).

## RELEVANT STRENGTHS

- 🌿 Strategic and visionary thinker**  
Leveraging exceptional negotiation skills and extensive networks (in and out of academia) to identify fruitful opportunities, rally others around a common mission, and champion its delivery.
- 🌿 Versatile communicator**  
Effective contributor to varied TV, radio and print media outlets discussing global environmental governance and policy. Executive producer of several short films on environmental governance.
- 🌿 Catalyst of creative partnerships**  
Builder of productive initiatives engaging a wide range of actors to foster interdisciplinary approaches to tackle complex problems and influence future environmental and public policy landscapes.
- 🌿 Innovative interdisciplinary scholar and practitioner**  
Sought-after expert serving in varied advisory roles, including as member of UN Secretary General's Science Advisory Body and as member of Rwanda's delegation (on plastic pollution treaty).

## EDUCATION

- 2006**  
New Haven, CT, USA
  - PhD in International Environmental Policy, with Distinction  
**Yale University**
- 1999**  
New Haven, CT, USA
  - Master of Environmental Management  
**Yale University, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (now Yale School of the Environment)**
- 1999**  
New Haven, CT, USA
  - MA in International Relations  
**Yale University**
- 1996**  
South Hadley, MA, USA
  - BA in European Studies, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa  
**Mount Holyoke College**

## LANGUAGES

Bulgarian  
Native



English  
Native



Russian  
Proficient



Swedish  
Advanced



French  
Intermediate



## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017 - 2022

Cambridge, MA, USA

- Visiting Scholar  
[Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(MIT\)](#)  
Center for Collective Intelligence, Sloan School of Management

2009 - 2010

Washington, DC, USA

- Fellow  
[Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars](#)  
Academic year appointment (June 2009 - June 2010)

2009

Washington, DC, USA

- Visiting Scholar  
[Environmental Law Institute](#)  
Spring semester appointment (January - May 2009)

1999 - 2000

Paris, France

- Project Manager  
[Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development \(OECD\)](#)  
Environment Directorate, Non-Member Countries Division

1997 - 1998

Stockholm, Sweden

- Project Manager  
[Swedish Environmental Protection Agency](#)  
In role during the periods of May-September 1997 and May-September 1998

## LEADERSHIP & ADVISORY APPOINTMENTS (SELECTED)

Head, Delegation of Northeastern University

[Negotiations for International Legally Binding Instrument on Plastic Pollution, Including in the Marine Environment](#)

🏠 2024 - Present 📍 Ottawa, Canada and Busan, Republic of Korea

Member, Advisory Board of the Climate Negotiations Project Center for Public Leadership

[Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government](#)

🏠 2022 - Present 📍 Cambridge, MA, USA

Member, Joint Scientific Committee

[World Climate Research Programme \(WCRP\)](#)

🏠 2021 - 2024 📍 Geneva, Switzerland

Member, High-Level Advisory Group

[UN Science-Policy-Business Forum Governing Consortium](#)

🏠 2017 - Present 📍 Nairobi, Kenya

Member, Evaluation Panel (10-year evaluation)

[UN University \(UNU\)](#)

🏠 2023

Member, Delegation of Rwanda

[UN Environment Assembly and Third Session of negotiations for instrument on plastic pollution](#)

🏠 2022 - 2023 📍 Nairobi, Kenya

Member, Yale Sustainability Advisory Council

[Yale University](#)

🏠 2017 - 2022 📍 New Haven, CT, USA

20-member Council offered guidance on Yale's Sustainability Plan and engaged with leadership and Yale's Office of Sustainability.

Member, Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

[Global Commission on Science Missions for Sustainability, International Science Council \(ISC\)](#)

🏠 2021 - 2023

TAG co-chaired by Helen Clark (Prime Minister of New Zealand 1999 - 2008) and Irina Bokova (former Director-General of UNESCO 2009 - 2017)

## LEADERSHIP & ADVISORY APPOINTMENTS (SELECTED)

Co-Chair, with Dr. Sharachchandra Lele

[Drafting process for official letter from scientists and scholars of the world to the Stockholm+50 Conference](#)

📅 2022

Member, Carnegie Climate Governance (C2G2) Initiative Advisory Group

[Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs](#)

📅 2017 - 2022 📍 New York, NY, USA

Founding Director, Center for Governance and Sustainability

[UMass Boston, John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies](#)

📅 2011 - 2022

Member, High-level Advisory Group on the Intergovernmental System

[International Science Council \(ISC\)](#)

📅 2021 📍 Paris, France

Member, Millennium Institute Board of Trustees

[Millennium Institute](#)

📅 2017 - 2021 📍 Washington, DC, USA and Geneva, Switzerland

Chair, Board of UN University-Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (IAS)

[UN University \(UNU\)](#)

📅 2019 - 2021 📍 Tokyo, Japan

Appointed Board member in 2014, elected Chair in 2019

Member, Advisory Board

[Global Young Academy](#)

📅 2015 - 2019 📍 Halle, Germany

Chair of the Jury, New Shape Prize to reform global governance (US\$ 5 million)

[Global Challenges Foundation](#)

📅 2017 - 2018 📍 Stockholm, Sweden

Member, UN Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board

[United Nations](#)

📅 2014 - 2016

Advising UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Drafted, with member Susan Avery, 2016 report on *The Future of Scientific Advice to the United Nations*

Coordinating Lead Author for the policy chapter "Global Responses"

[UNEP's Global Environmental Outlook 5 \(GEO-5\)](#)

📅 2010 - 2012

Nominated for this role by the U.S. Department of State

Member, informal Advisory Group on the creation of the "UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Global Sustainability"

[United Nations](#)

📅 2010

## HONORS & AWARDS (SELECTED)



### Global Green Mentor Award

in recognition of exceptional dedication and outstanding contributions towards greening education for a sustainable future (2023 and 2024)



### ISC Foundational Fellow

One of 66 appointed by the ISC in recognition of remarkable contributions to the role of science in promoting the global public good (2022)



### ISC Foundational Council Member

One of 13 appointed by the ISC to provide leadership for the development of the ISC Fellowship (2022)



### Innovation in Teaching: Community Engagement Award

UMass Boston (2018)



### Andrew Carnegie Fellow

Recognition of high-caliber scholarship in social sciences and humanities (2015)



### Warrior for Sustainable Development

Recognition from the National Museum of Earth and Man, Bulgaria (2012)



### Mary Lyon Award

Mount Holyoke College (2010)



### Goddess Artemis Award

Euro-American Women's Council (2010)



### Professor of the Year

awarded by students of The Members 13, College of William and Mary (2007)

## GRANTS & CONTRACTS (SELECTED)

### Shortlisted & under review: PRISMS – Plastic Reduction and Innovation Science Mission for Sustainability

Co-lead with Philip Cotton (University of Global Health Equity, Rwanda), ISC Pilot Science Missions for Sustainability, **US\$ 5 million/yr for 5 years**. Consortium also includes the Rwanda Environmental Management Authority, the University of Rwanda, the University of Nairobi, the Innovation for Policy Foundation (i4Policy), and NielsenIQ.

### Designing and delivering an online course on the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) in the Southern African Development Community

PI, UN Environment Programme (UNEP), **\$30,000** (2022)

### Workshop on international environmental governance in Chexbres, Switzerland

PI, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment, **US\$24,000** (2019)

### United Nations at a Crossroads: Collection of Conventions or Mechanism for Planetary Stewardship

PI, Carnegie Corporation, **US\$200,000** (2015) Program to support high-caliber scholarship and research in the social sciences and humanities that address important and enduring issues confronting our society.

### Environmental Conventions Index proof of concept project

PI, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment, **US\$100,000**, (2014)

### Reimagining Environmental Multilateralism through empowering “small states”

Principal Investigator (PI), Carnegie Corporation, **US\$500,000** (2021-2023) Grant in response to call to help foster new ideas and practical solutions around the issues of multilateralism and the connections between domestic and foreign policies in the United States.

### Designing and delivering an online course on the implementation of MEAs in North Africa and the Middle East

PI, UNEP, **US\$90,000** (2021-2022) (also for coding selected conventions for Environmental Convention Index)

### Workshop on international environmental governance in Helsinki, Finland

PI, Ministry of the Environment, Finland, **US\$9,000** (2019)

### Integrated Landscape Management for Resilience in the Horn of Africa

PI, Global Resilience Partnership Challenge partner: Rockefeller Foundation, USAID, and Swedish International Development Agency, **US\$200,000** (2015)

### Coasts and Communities IGERT Program: Natural and Human Systems in Urbanizing Environments

Co-PI (PI: Robyn Hannigan), US NSF Integrative Graduate Education, Research and Training (IGERT), **US\$3.1 million**, (2013)

## MEMBERSHIPS

### World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) (2021-present)

### American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) (2021-present)

### International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA) (2021-present)

### International Studies Association (2005-present)

ISA Sections membership: Environmental Studies (ESS), International Organization (IO)

### Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) (2005-present)

### Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)

Policy School is institutional member of this international accreditation body

## SCHOLARSHIP: BOOKS & KNOWLEDGE PRODUCT

The Untold Story of the World’s Leading Environmental Institution: UNEP at Fifty

📅 2021

by Maria Ivanova, MIT Press

- Selected by MIT Press to be available open access at: <https://doi.org/10.7551/mitpress/12373.001.0001>
- Included in MIT Press Impact Report 2023 as one of the most influential MIT Press books, April 2023
- Included in [7 must-read books](#) list on environment by the World Economic Forum, March 2021
- Included in [12 new books with fresh approaches to act on climate change](#) by Yale Climate Communications, January 2021
- #1 in new releases on environmental and natural resource law on Amazon upon release
- Reviewed in *Review of International Organizations (ROIO)*, *H-Diplo* (a flagship global interdisciplinary network and publication center for matters relating to diplomatic and international history), *Environment: Science and Policy for Sustainable Development*, *Global Environmental Politics*, *Environmental Politics*, *Governance: An International Journal of Policy, Administration, and Institutions*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Governance*, *International Environment Forum*

### Environmental Conventions Index (ECI)

📅 2013 - Present

🔗 <https://eci.environmentalgovernance.org/>

Knowledge product co-designed and co-created with Dr. Natalia Escobar-Pemberthy (UMass Boston PhD’18, now at Boston University Institute for Global Sustainability), the Environmental Conventions Index (ECI) is an empirical tool measuring the extent of implementation of multilateral environmental agreements in two clusters – conservation and pollution – since 2001.

The ECI assesses the actions signatory countries have taken to fulfill their international commitments and provides quantitative data on implementation that allows for comparability across countries and conventions.

### Global Environmental Governance: Options & Opportunities

📅 2002

Esty, Daniel and Maria Ivanova, Eds, Yale School of the Environment Publications Series, 8

- Book available for download at: <https://elischolar.library.yale.edu/fes-pubs/8/>
- Translated into Portuguese: Esty, Daniel and Maria Ivanova (2005). *Governança Ambiental Global: Opções & Oportunidades*. São Paulo, Brazil, Editora Senac São Paulo

## SCHOLARSHIP: WORK UNDER REVIEW OR IN PREPARATION

Under Review: Evolving Role of the United Nations Environment Programme in Advancing Global Environmental Governance and the SDGs

[The Elgar Companion to Global Governance and the Sustainable Development Goals](#)

*Maria Ivanova and Olga Skaredina*

In Preparation: Implementing Global Environmental Agreements: The Case of African States

[Global Environmental Politics](#)

*Natalia Escobar-Pemberthy, Maria Ivanova, and Rebecca Yemo*

In Preparation: Environmental Diplomacy and Governance Handbook (edited volume)

[Edward Elgar Publishing](#)

*Edited by Maria Ivanova*

Under contract and currently under development

## SCHOLARSHIP: JOURNAL ARTICLES

25. Catalytic leadership in climate change negotiations: a reply to 'Why do climate change negotiations stall? Scientific evidence and solutions for some structural problems' by Ulrich Frey and Jazmin Burgess

[Global Discourse: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Current Affairs](#)

*Sara M. Constantino, Olga Skaredina, and Maria Ivanova*

📅 2023 🔗 DOI: 10.1332/204378921X16842177275040

24. The Plastic Treaty: What is in it for Africa?

[Public Health Challenges 2: e83](#)

*Deborah Oluwaseun Shomuyiwa, Francisca Ogochukwu Onukansi, Maria Ivanova, and Don Eliseo Lucero-Prisno III*

📅 2023 🔗 DOI: 10.1002/puh2.83

23. The Global Biodiversity Framework Needs a Robust Action Agenda

[Nature Ecology & Evolution](#)

*Sander Chan, Steffen Bauer, Michele M. Betsill, Frank Biermann, Idil Boran, Peter Bridgewater, Harriet Bulkeley, Mercedes M. C. Bustamente, Alexandra Deprez, Felix Dodds, Michael Hoffmann, Anna-Katharina Hornidge, Alice Hughes, Pablo Imbach, Maria Ivanova, Alexandre Köberle, Marcel T. J. Kok, Shuaib Lwasa, Tiffany Morrison, Hans-O. Pörtner, Agus P. Sari, Stacy D. VanDeveer, Derek Vollmer, Oscar Widerberg & Nathalie Pettorelli*

📅 2022 🔗 DOI: 10.1038/s41559-022-01953-2

22. Moderate support for the use of digital tracking to support climate-mitigation strategies

[One Earth, 5\(9\): 1030-1041](#)

*Garard, Jennifer, Sylvia L.R. Wood, Nilufar Sabet-Kassouf, Andréa Ventimiglia, H. Damon Matthews, Éliane Ubalijoro, Kalpana Chaudhari, Maria Ivanova, and Amy L. Luers*

📅 2022 🔗 DOI: 10.1016/j.oneear.2022.08.005

21. 50 Jahre globaler Umweltschutz ["50 Years of Global Environmental Protection"]

[VEREINTE NATIONEN – German Review on the United Nations, 3/2022](#)

*Maria Ivanova*

📅 2022

20. Fifty Years after UN Environment Summit, Researchers Renew Call for Action

[Nature 606 \(7912\): 30](#)

*Maria Ivanova and Sharachchandra Lele*

📅 2022 🔗 DOI: 10.1038/d41586-022-01511-7

19. Collective Foresight and Intelligence for Sustainability

[Global Sustainability 4: e3](#)

*Wood, Sylvia L. R., Amy Luers, Jennifer Garard, Ajay Gambhir, Kalpana Chaudhari, Maria Ivanova, and Casey Cronin*

📅 2021 🔗 DOI:10.1017/sus.2021.3

18. At 50, the UN Environment Programme Must Lead Again

[Nature 590: 365](#)

*Maria Ivanova*

📅 2021 🔗 DOI: 10.1038/d41586-021-00393-5

## SCHOLARSHIP: JOURNAL ARTICLES

17. Connecting Human and Planetary Health: Interview with Christiana Figueres

**Globalizations (pages 1009-1016)**

*Maria Ivanova*

📅 2021 🔗 DOI: 10.1080/14747731.2020.1866391

16. Global Leadership on Climate-Linked Human Insecurity: Learning from Pacific Island States

**Georgetown Journal of International Affairs**

*Maria Ivanova, Stephanie Reed, and Daniel Zaleznik*

📅 2020 🔗 <https://gjia.georgetown.edu/2020/11/07/global-leadership-on-climate-linked-human-insecurity-learning-from-pacific-islands-states/>

15. Fighting Fire with a Thermometer? Environmental Efforts of the United Nations

**Ethics & International Affairs, 34(3): 339-349**

*Maria Ivanova*

📅 2020 🔗 DOI: 10.1017/S0892679420000404

14. Implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements: Rationale and Design of the Environmental Conventions Index

**Sustainability 12(17): 7098**

*Escobar-Pemberthy, Natalia and Maria Ivanova*

📅 2020 🔗 DOI: 10.3390/su12177098

13. Special issue on “Global Environmental Policy and Governance in Sustainability

**Sustainability 12(17)**

*Guest Editor: Maria Ivanova*

📅 2020 🔗 [https://www.mdpi.com/journal/sustainability/special\\_issues/global\\_environmental\\_policy\\_and\\_governance\\_in\\_sustainability](https://www.mdpi.com/journal/sustainability/special_issues/global_environmental_policy_and_governance_in_sustainability)

12. Coloring the UN Environmental: The Catalytic Role of the UN Environment Programme

**Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and International Organizations 26(2): 307-324**

*Maria Ivanova*

📅 2020 🔗 DOI: 10.1163/19426720-02602007

11. Too Big to Ignore: Global Risk Perception Gaps Between Scientists and Business-Leaders

**Earth's Future, journal of the AGU**

*Garschagen, Matthias, Sylvia Wood, Jennifer Garard, Maria Ivanova, and Amy Luers*

📅 2020 🔗 DOI: 10.1029/2020EF001498

10. Power in Participatory Processes: Reflections From Multi-Stakeholder Workshops In The Horn Of Africa

**Sustainability Science (13): 879-893**

*Denney, J. Michael, Paul M. Case, Alexander Metzger, Maria Ivanova, and Araya Asfaw*

📅 2018 🔗 DOI: 10.1007/s11625-018-0533-x

9. Good COP, Bad COP: Climate Change: Climate Reality after Paris

**Global Policy 7(3): 411-419. September 2016**

*Maria Ivanova*

📅 2016 🔗 DOI: 10.1111/1758-5899.12370

8. Reforming the Institutional Framework for Environment and Sustainable Development: Rio+20's Subtle but Significant Impact

**International Journal of Technology Management and Sustainable Development 12(3): 211-231**

*Maria Ivanova*

📅 2013 🔗 DOI: 10.1386/tmsd.12.3.211\_1

7. The Contested Legacy of Rio+20

**Global Environmental Politics 13(4): 1-11**

*Maria Ivanova*

📅 2013 🔗 DOI: 10.1162/GLEP\_e\_00194

6. Institutional Design and UNEP Reform: Historical Insights on Form, Function and Financing

**International Affairs 88(3): 565-584**

*Maria Ivanova*

📅 2012 🔗 DOI: 10.1111/j.1468-2346.2012.01089.x

## SCHOLARSHIP: JOURNAL ARTICLES

5. UNEP in Global Environmental Governance: Design, Leadership, Location

[Global Environmental Politics 10\(1\): 30-59](#)

Maria Ivanova

📅 2010 [DOI: 10.1162/glep.2010.10.1.30](#)

4. O PNUMA e a Governança Ambiental Global

[Cardernos Adenauer 9\(3\): 159-180](#)

Maria Ivanova

📅 2009

3. Reclaiming U.S. Leadership in Global Environmental Governance

[SAIS Review of International Affairs 28\(2\): 57-75](#)

Maria Ivanova and Daniel Esty

📅 2008 [DOI: 10.1353/sais.0.0008](#)

2. Towards Institutional Symbiosis: Business and the United Nations in Environmental Governance.

[Review of European Community and International Environmental Law RECIEL 16\(2\): 123-134](#)

Maria Ivanova, David Gordon and Jennifer Roy

📅 2007 <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9388.2007.00558.x>

1. Designing the United Nations Environment Programme: A Story of Compromise and Confrontation

[International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics 7\(3\): 337-361](#)

Maria Ivanova

📅 2007 [DOI: 10.1007/s10784-007-9052-4](#)

## SCHOLARSHIP: PUBLICATION SERIES

**Founder and editor: The Policy and Practice of Governance, series at Lynne Rienner Publishers**

📅 2021 - Present

This series focuses on books that: examine the various aspects of governance in ways that transcend disciplinary boundaries; are clear and comprehensible; and are relevant to both policy and practice. Books published in the series to date:

John Barkdull (2024) *Confronting Climate Change: From Mitigation to Adaptation*

Winston E. Langley (2024). *Abolishing War*

Paula Caballero with Patti Londoño (2022). *Redefining Development: The Extraordinary Genesis of the SDGs*

**Founder and editor: Global Leadership Dialogues Series**

📅 2014 - 2022

This series was published by the Center for Governance and Sustainability at University of Massachusetts Boston.

**Founder and editor: Progress Report Series**

📅 2013 - 2022

This series was published by the Center for Governance and Sustainability at University of Massachusetts Boston.

**Founder and editor: Governance and Sustainability Issue Brief Series**

📅 2011 - 2022

This series was published by the Center for Governance and Sustainability at University of Massachusetts Boston.

## PROFESSIONAL COURSES CONCEPTUALIZED & DELIVERED (2015 - PRESENT)

[Multilateral Environmental Agreement \(MEA\) Implementation Course for government officials in the Southern African Development Community region](#)

Developed in collaboration with UN Environment Programme

[MEA Implementation Course for government officials in Southeast Asia](#)

Developed in collaboration with UN Environment Programme

[MEA Implementation Course for government officials in the Middle East and North Africa](#)

Developed in collaboration with UN Environment Programme

[MEA Implementation Course for government officials in East Africa and The Gambia](#)

Developed in collaboration with UN Environment Programme

[UNITAR Executive Summer Programme on Innovations in Science Diplomacy](#)

Developed in collaboration with UMass Boston, MIT, Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School, Boston University, and Swissnex

["Evidentia: Proof and Decision-making": Science Diplomacy Dissertation Enhancement Workshop](#)

Developed in collaboration with UMass Boston, MIT, Tufts University and Boston University

[Regional Environmental Diplomacy Institute \(REDI\)-Ethiopia](#)

Developed in collaboration with Horn of Africa Regional Environmental Centre and Network in Addis Ababa

## CO-CONVENING/ORGANIZING OF CONFERENCES AND EVENTS (SELECTED)

ACUNS 2025 Annual Meeting: Environmental Multilateralism and Human Development, Nairobi, Kenya 23-25 June 2025 (Co-Chair with Alice Odingo, PhD, University of Nairobi)

Organizing Committee Member, Inaugural Sustainability Innovation Week, January 2025. Northeastern University. Dynamic hybrid event to showcase faculty and student sustainability projects, foster interdisciplinary engagement and partnerships across NU global network.

Founding Director, Ambuli Dialogues. Created a platform connecting scholars and practitioners to drive innovation in environmental governance. Launched October 2024, Washington, DC

Convening Director's Dialogues and Coffee & Conversation to foster global collaborations and cultivate the next generation of leaders by creating inclusive spaces for interdisciplinary exchange. 2022-present, Boston and the NU global network.

Side event at negotiations for a legally binding instrument on plastic pollution (INC-5) in Busan, South Korea: "Beyond Promises: Delivering on Plastics Commitments, Leadership from the Middle-Out", November 26, 2024

Side event at Summit of the Future Action Days: "Mapping Capacity and Knowledge Gaps to Accelerate the Implementation of Global Environmental Commitments", at Rwandan Mission of UN. Sept. 2024

Convening of Women Deans and Directors of Policy Schools in advance of conference of Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA), October 2024.

"A Night of Art, Dialogue, and Global Partnerships" including panel discussion on "SDG 16: Peace, Justice, & Strong Institutions: Lessons from Global Conflicts," Boston, USA, September 2024

Bellagio Dialogue on Reimagining Environmental Multilateralism, Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center in Italy, February 6-10, 2024.

Land of a Thousand Ideas: Rwanda and the Sustainability Challenge. Coasts and Communities Conference featuring student research and the vice chancellor of University of Rwanda, Prof. Philip Cotton. Boston, MA. May 4, 2018

Facilitated partnership between UMass Boston and Addis Ababa University, including organizing visits by high-level Addis Ababa University delegations, 2013-2016.

Coasts and Communities Seminar Series. Guest speakers included Richard Boone, Director of the US NSF, Stanley Johnson, Ambassador for the United Nations Convention on Migratory Species, Fall 2014.

2013 Annual Sylvia and Benjamin Slomoff Lecture Series in Conflict Resolution by Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, UMass Boston, April 24, 2013.

Rio 2012: Ethiopia's Input to the Sustainability Summit. with Horn of Africa Regional Environment Centre/Network, the Ethiopian Environmental Protection Authority, Forum for Environment, and Ethiopian Wildlife and Natural History Society. May 25-26, 2011.

The Global Environmental Governance Forum: Reflecting on the Past, Moving into the Future. Global Environmental Governance Project, Glion, Switzerland. June 28-July 2, 2009. Convened all five UNEP Executive Directors to date for the first and only time.

## FILMS (EXECUTIVE PRODUCER)



### Small States Beyond Plastics

Directed by Kylee Hendrie. Boston, Northeastern University. 2024



### The Untold Story of the World's Leading Environmental Institution: UNEP at Fifty

Directed and produced by Joseph Ageyo. Nairobi, Kenya. 2021.



### Quest for Leadership

Directed and produced by Joseph Ageyo. Nairobi, Kenya. 2010.



### Global Environmental Governance: Quest for Symphony

Directed by Joseph Ageyo. Produced by Global Media, Ltd. Nairobi, Kenya. 2009



### Global Environmental Governance: Way Ahead Not Closed

Directed by Bernard Robert-Charrue. Produced by dev.tv. Geneva, Switzerland. 2009.

## SERVICE (SELECTED)

### Faculty Senate Member

Northeastern University, (2024-present)

### Editorial Board Member

Sustainability Science journal, Springer (2017-present); Global Environmental Politics journal, MIT Press (2011-present)

### Member, African Fellowship Selection Committee

Joint Scientific Committee, World Climate Research Program (2024-present)

### Chair, Interdisciplinary faculty search on biodiversity and society

Northeastern University, College of Social Sciences and Humanities (2023-2024)

### Chair, Interdisciplinary faculty search on sustainability and resilience

Northeastern University, College of Social Sciences and Humanities (2022-2023)

### Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee

Northeastern University, College of Social Sciences and Humanities (2022, 2023)

### Director, PhD Program in Global Governance and Human Security

UMass Boston, (2020-2022)

### Co-Chair, Educational Policy Committee

UMass Boston McCormack Graduate School (2021-2022)

### Member, Campus-wide Strategic Planning Committee

UMass Boston, also Faculty Support & Development sub-Committee (2021-2022)



## TEACHING

Graduate Courses Developed and Taught (2003-present), at Northeastern, UMass Boston, Yale and UNU-IAS:

International Environmental Policy

International Organizations

Global Environmental Governance

Environmental Issues in the Horn of Africa

Environmental Issues in Africa: The Case of Rwanda

PhD Colloquium: Global Governance and Human Security

PhD Research Groups

International Environmental Organizations: UNEP and Global Governance

Yale-Stimson Graduate Policy Course

Governance of Emerging Global Issues (module leader)

Undergraduate Courses Developed and Taught (2004-2009), at College of William and Mary (unless noted otherwise)

Introduction to Environmental Science and Policy

Climate Change: Science, Policy, and Law

Environmental Thought and Action

Campus Sustainability

Campus Sustainability

Global Environmental Governance

International Organizations and Environmental Governance

International Environmental Governance and Policy at Yale University

Doctoral Student Supervision (Advisor)

Clara Copp-LaRocque, Public Policy (2024-present)

Olga Skaredina, Public Policy (2021-present)

Anna Dubrova, Global Governance and Human Security, expected 2025 (2016-present)

Rebecca Yemo, Global Governance and Human Security, graduated 2024

Negusu Aklilu, Global Governance and Human Security, graduated 2023

Wondwossen Sintayehu, Global Governance and Human Security, graduated 2023

Eike Schmedt, Global Governance and Human Security, graduated 2021

J. Michael Denney, Global Governance and Human Security, graduated 2020

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American Political Science Review (APSR), Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Contemporary European History, Environmental Politics, Environmental Science and Technology, GAIA, Georgetown Journal of International Affairs, Global Change, Peace & Security, Global Environmental Politics, Global Governance, Global Policy, Journal of Environment and Development, Journal of Human Trafficking, International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics, Journal of Human Rights and the Environment, Law & Policy, One Earth, Organization & Environment, PNAS (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences), Politics and Governance, Review of International Organizations, St. Anthony's International Review (STAIR), Science, Sustainability, Transnational Environmental Law

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**Moderator**, Flipping the Model: Leveraging Academic Perspectives to Reinvent Multilateralism as part of Climate Week 2024 in New York City. Fire-side chat with Carlos Alvarado Quesada, former President of Costa Rica, and Dr. Philip Osano, Director of the SEI — Stockholm Environment Institute Africa Center, co-convened by the [Yale MacMillan Center](#). September 25, 2024.

**Presenter**, Scaling Impact: Implementing Multilateral Environmental Agreements in Small States *18th Course on Multilateral Environmental Agreements: 20th Anniversary of the MEA Course: Taking Stock of Multilateral Environmental Agreements and the Way Forward*, Helsinki, Finland, May 28, 2024.

**Keynote Speaker**, The International Environmental Governance Landscape: assessment of over 50 years of MEA developments since Stockholm *18th Course on Multilateral Environmental Agreements: 20th Anniversary of the MEA Course: Taking Stock of Multilateral Environmental Agreements and the Way Forward*, Helsinki, Finland, May 27, 2024.

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**Co-Facilitator**, Mapping Capacity and Knowledge Gaps Workshop, *World Wildlife Fund Plastic Policy Summit*, Washington, D.C., March 21-22, 2024.

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**Panelist**, Can the world solve its plastic pollution problem? Boston College's United Nations Conference of Parties ([BC@UNCOP](#)), organized by Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society and Boston College's Global Observatory on Planetary Health. Boston, USA. October 16, 2023.

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**Presenter**, UNEP at Fifty and Beyond: The Case for Transformation. *American Society for Environmental History*, March 25, 2023.

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**Chair**, panel on Keeping the Environment on the International Agenda during the COVID-19 Pandemic. *ISA Annual Convention*, March 16, 2023.

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**Keynote Panel Participant**, UN Environment Programme Global Town Hall with Executive Director Inger Andersen and Deputy Executive Director Joyce Msuya, September 15, 2021.

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**Panelist**, Global Environmental Risks, Global Catastrophic Risks, *Brookings Institution*, Washington, DC, April 2017.

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